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EDWIN SMITH DIES AFTER A NOTABLE SCIENTIFIC CAREER

Expert of Coast and Geodetic Survey Ill a Short Time.

One of the older guard of scientists in Washington, Edwin Smith, of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, died at his home in Rockville, Md., yesterday after a short illness. He was one of the founders of the Cosmos Club, and had a notable career as an astronomer. The funeral services will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon at his home, and the interment will be in Rockville.

Mr. Smith was born in New York in 1851, and received his education at the College of the City of New York. He has spent half a century in the employ of the Coast Survey. At the age of twenty-three he showed such marked ability that he was given a Government assignment to go to Chatham Island as chief of an astronomical party to observe the transit of Venus in 1874. He was sent to New Zealand in a similar capacity in 1882. His gravity observations with the famous Kates pendulum, belonging the Royal Society of England, were noteworthy. He was a pioneer in perfecting astronomical field methods, and invented many instruments now in use.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, and five sons, and his passing is deeply regretted by the scientific fraternity of this city.

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